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1. THE FOUR-POWER TALKS ANNOUNCED TO BEGIN JULY 30, THUS FAR AT LEAST HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO -POWER TALKS BETWEEN ITALIAN AND MALTESE OFFICIALS. ITALIAN AFFORESTATION (DR. ROSARIO PICCIONI) GEOLOGICAL (DR. ROBERTO COLLTRO) AND BROADCASTING (ING. PARMEGGIANI) EXPERTS ARRIVED JULY 29 AND TALKS ON AFFORESTATION AND BROADCASTING BEGAN AT FOREIGN MINISTRY JULY 30 WITHOUT PRESENCE OF DELS FROM TUNISIA AND LIBYA.

2. PICCIONE AND COLLTRO LEFT MALTA AFTERNOON JULY 30, AND, ALTHOUGH PRESS REPORTS IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF TUNISIANS AND LIBYANS FOR JULY 31 SESSION. THEY APPARENTLY FAILED TO SHOW AND THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER NEWSON SUBJECT.

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3. COMMENT: TO DATE, FOUR-POWER COOPERATION HAS BEEN MORE

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SHOW THAN SUBSTANCE. WE EXPECT ITALIANS WILL CONTINUE FULLY
TO COOPERATE BUT WONDER WHETHER FAILURE OF TUNISIAN AND
LIBYAN DELS TO ARRIVE INDICATES THOSE COUNTRIES HAVE LITTLE
INTEREST IN CONCRETE RESULTS.
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